



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

DOUGLAS KRESS
DIRECTOR

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
July 25, 2019
50 Evergreen Avenue

Present: Douglas Kress, Director
Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Robert Ciccio, Board Member
Kathy Teixeira, Recording Secretary

Absent: Paula Machado

Staff Members in Attendance: None

Guests: Renee Scott from Green & Open Somerville; Wig Zamore from Cafeh Mystic View Step

Meeting Called to Order: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 5:34pm. It was seconded by Mr. Ciccio.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the May 23, 2019 minutes were approved and accepted. It was seconded by Mr. Ciccio. All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Traffic Emissions: Mr. Zagmore and Ms. Scott came in front of the board to voice their concerns about Block D2 project and the health risks of having it so close to open space. Mr. Zagmore has been researching air pollution now for appx twenty years. They spoke about air particulates and the impact on the green space, passed out documents about traffic emissions and the health issues on pedestrians, cyclists, etc. Their concern is directly related to the current plans for the Union Square development for the D2 bloc, where green space is planned to be along Prospect Street and the mbta tracks. They asked the board if they would send a letter to the Planning Commission and the Mayor mandating the developer move the green space in the D2 block to an interior space of the project are due to potential impacts.

Tobacco Regulations Updates: Hannah Pope, the new attorney from the City's law office presented the Board of Health case in front of the judge. The case is still on-going.

Director Updates: Marijuana taskforce has put a recommendation for recreational facilities. There is one conversion from the business Revolution. A conversion cannot open up until a recreational establishments opens up. Safe supervised injection site is being looked at by the city. Governor Baker is strongly against it and said no way. ISD updates on renewals, Mr. Kress is having difficulty getting answers from ISD on their permit renewal services. Mr. Ciccio made a motion to adopt the renewal procedures as outlined in the March 5, 2019 minutes and that the board does not recommend that procedures do not require board action; although they are willing to advise and consult. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The board of health adopted guidelines for renewal food establishment renewal licenses policies. Elise Collins has resigned from the city and moved to the south shore. The following positions are available in the health – Substance Abuse Coordinator, Nurse Navigator. Ms. Doherty also resigned her position as Somerpromise Director, so this position is open for candidates to apply.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August, 2019 @ 5:30pm – 50 Evergreen Avenue

Adjournment: On a motion made by Mr. Ciccio, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. It was seconded by Dr. Green.

List of Documents: Sign-In Sheet, April 23, 2019 Minutes

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
August 19, 2019